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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. In this listing, claims 1-9 have been withdrawn without disclaimer of their subject matter, and new claims 22-27 have been added. Claims 10-27 now stand pending in the application.

1-9. (Withdrawn)

10. (Currently Amended) A display system comprising:
a display panel having at least one illumination source; and
a programmable current controller coupled to the at least one illumination source,
wherein the programmable current controller is configured to regulate an
operating driving current of the at least one illumination source according to a
digital reference programmable by a user and corresponding to a predetermined
reference driving current.

11. (Original) A display system according to claim 10, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal display panel.

12. (Original) A display system according to claim 10, wherein the programmable current controller comprises:
a programmable interface configured to program the digital reference in a memory;
a digital-to-analog converter coupled to the programmable interface and configured to
convert the digital reference into a first electrical parameter;
a comparator coupled to the programmable interface and configured to
compare the first electrical parameter with a second electrical parameter
corresponding to the operating driving current of the at least one
illumination source, and
generate a driving bias current; and

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a current regulator coupled to the comparator and configured to regulate the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source according to the driving bias current, wherein the driving bias current corresponds to a difference between the first and second electrical parameters.

13. (Original) A display system according to claim 12, wherein the programmable current controller further comprising:

a sensor coupled to the at least one illumination source and configured to measure the second electrical parameter.

14. (Currently Amended) A programmable current controller display system according to claim 12, wherein the sensor is a resistor.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of regulating an operating driving current for at least one illumination source of a display system comprising:

measuring a first electrical parameter corresponding to the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source;
converting a digital reference into a second electrical parameter, wherein the digital reference is programmable by a user and corresponds to a predetermined driving current for the at least one illumination source;
comparing the first electrical parameter with the second electrical parameter;
based on the comparison, generating a driving bias current; and
regulating the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source according to the driving bias current.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the first electrical parameter is a feedback voltage corresponding to the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source; and the second electrical parameter is a voltage corresponding to the predetermined driving current for the at least one illumination source.

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17. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the first electrical parameter is a feedback current corresponding to the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source; and

the second electrical parameter is a current corresponding to the predetermined driving current for the at least one illumination source.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the digital reference is stored in a memory.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the driving bias current corresponds to a difference between the first and second electrical parameters.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the display system is a liquid crystal display system.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one illumination source includes at least one light-emitting diode.

22. (New) A display system according to claim 12, wherein the programmable interface is an inter-integrated circuit serial interface.

23. (New) A display system according to claim 12, wherein the programmable interface is three-wire serial interface.

24. (New) A display system comprising:
a display panel having at least one illumination source;
a programmable interface configured to store a digital reference programmable by a user;
a digital-to-analog converter configured to convert the digital reference into a first electrical parameter;
a comparator configured to

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compare the first electrical parameter with a second electrical parameter corresponding to an operating driving current of the at least one illumination source, and generate a driving bias current; and a current regulator configured to regulate the operating driving current of the at least one illumination source according to the driving bias current, wherein the driving bias current corresponds to a difference between the first and second electrical parameters.

25. (New) A display system according to claim 24, wherein the second electrical parameter is obtained by measurement of the operating driving current flowing through the illumination source.

26. (New) A display system according to claim 24, wherein the programmable interface is an inter-integrated circuit serial interface.

27. (New) A display system according to claim 24, wherein the programmable interface is three-wire serial interface.